Commission which is authorized to settle the disputed overcharged amount from the pharma companies.

The recommendation of the Task Force are being examined for consideration in the New National Pharmaceutical Policy.

The draft of the new policy is presently being finalized. It is difficult to specify any time frame for this.

As per the recommendation of the Task Force all the drugs included in the National List of Essential Medicines, 2003 are to be considered for price control. However, this is subject of subject to finalization of the Policy.

Unfare means of promotion of medical products by pharma companies

2917. SHRI UDAYPRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some pharma companies are distributing costly electronic items to the Chemists for promotion of their products and sending Doctors abroad for promotion of their medicines;

(b) if so, how many cases of such practices have been noticed and names of the pharma companies violating the Government norms for promotion of medicines; and

(c) what actions are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Privatisation of undertakings under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

†2918. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of undertakings under the control of his Ministry which have been privatized/disinvested;

(b) the undertaking-wise amount received by Government;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.